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Following is substance proposed US reply to Soviet note 28/OSA April 21:

QUOTE In its note Soviet Government, citing selected press reports, has presented certain elements of continuing defense programs of US and its Allies in misleading manner. It discussed its version of recent developments in these programs as if they were in some way comparable to the type of unilateral action mentioned in the US note of March 26 relating to the Soviet threat to shed its responsibilities for Berlin and access to Berlin and sign a separate peace treaty with the so-called German Democratic Republic. The Soviet Government, on this basis, asserted that the US Government is attempting to jeopardize

the success of the forthcoming negotiations at Geneva beginning May 11.

To correct the distortions contained in the Soviet Government's note,

US Government wishes to draw the attention of the Soviet Government to the

Declaration of the North Atlantic Council of (Blank) which sets

forth clearly the facts regarding the continuing nature of the defense programs

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of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The Declaration reads as follows:

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The US Government has noted the reference in the Soviet Government's note to the hopes which are being placed throughout the world on the conference of Foreign Ministers beginning May 11 as well as the Soviet Government's statement that it is among those who sincerely want this conference to open the way for healthy relations and cooperation among governments. The record will clearly show that the US has consistently sought a meaningful meeting of the Foreign Ministers. As was stated in its note of March 26, the US Government believes that Foreign Ministers' meeting should reach positive agreements over as wide a field as possible and in any case narrow the respective points of view. The US Government continues to hope that the May 11 meeting will have positive results.

In this connection, it is pertinent to note that no evidence has come to the attention of the US Government that there has been any slackening of effort on the part of the USSR to develop as rapidly as possible the most modern of weapons. Rather, on February 9, 1959, Soviet Defense Minister Malinovski declared that it is proposed to equip the Soviet armed forces with the latest arms and equipment in more than sufficient quantities.

The US earnestly seeks to eliminate the reasons for the continuation of military preparations anywhere in the world. It is proceeding to the forthcoming negotiations at Geneva with a full desire to make every effort to bring them to a fruitful conclusion. It looks to the Soviet Union to display the same attitude in

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accordance with the many Soviet public protestations of such a desire. Only thus can the prospect of bringing peace to the world be furthered. UNQUOTE

We hope to deliver note to USSR about May 7 or 8. ~~NOTE~~/should consult immediately with FEIREP PERMREP with view to assuring that FEIREP response is USR0 should circulate foregoing text consonant. ~~and~~/in NAC as soon as it deems appropriate, bearing in mind we do not (rpt not) want to overload NAC.

FYI. Re Moscow's 2117 to Department. Regret that information available re stationing Soviet missiles East Germany not appropriate for use in reply. END FYI.

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